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HOIST WITH THEIR OWN PETARD.

It was undoubtedly the free sugar bill passed in 1890 by the Republicans which elected Grover Cleveland, in consequence of the deficit it caused in the revenue and failure of the income tax bill. As one good turn deserves another, the Democrats (in the House) appear also to be willing to be "hoist with their own petard." If they wished to secure the best sugar states for Taft beyond peradventure, nothing would better accomplish that result than giving him a chance to defeat the bill which spells ruin to American beet sugars. The whole thing looks like an amazing piece of folly, no matter whether the advocates of the bill are sincere or, as is likely, do not expect the bill to become law and yet believe the people can be fooled into thinking that they were not simply catering for votes.

KUHIO'S CALL OF DUTY.

It is reported, in various quarters, that Kuhio will return to his post of duty soon, in which case we must congratulate him. Washington is where he belongs just now and where Hawaii needs him. If he is not kept here at the last minute by white renegades who want to use him to pull their private chestnuts out of the fire, he will serve both himself and the country well and prove that he has independence of character.

As to the coming convention he has already declared that everything ought to be left to the people and that there should be no outside interference whatever. To be the first to respond to this high-minded suggestion, Kuhio would certainly show the jewel of consistency. The convention, in his absence, will be particularly left to its own devices and that is what both Kuhio and his friends have said they particularly wanted.

Meanwhile the perils of Hawaii are in the way of increase at Washington and the Territory needs representation on the floor of the House. The better part of a fortnight is wasted en route to the capital, and tardiness in being on hand to answer questions on the floor may be deemed most regrettable.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR THE SMALL FARM.

Mr. Starret is giving the best of assistance to the small farm movement by telling people of moderate capital what they can raise here and sell for a profit on the mainland. There are plenty of things besides, like chickens, garden truck, eggs, honey, fruit, milk and butter, which farmers can produce here for their own consumption and for incidental sales which help to make an agricultural family comfortable on a Hawaiian homestead, but the thing that the Market Superintendent principally dwells on are exports.

The onion, in which export factor Mr. Starrett is especially interested, recalls the Bermuda example. Bermuda is prosperous because it supplies the Eastern states with early onions and potatoes, Easter lilies and gives tourists pleasant winter weather. Hawaii bears an exactly similar relation to the winter table needs of Washington, Oregon, and the greater part of California, while its tourist attractions almost go without saying. Mr. Starrett tells us that we can go even further than the coast for a market; that we can land onions in New York and profitably underbid the Bermuda product, which has to pay duty. In San Francisco we can land onions for \$5 a ton as against \$9 from California's own Imperial valley. We can put onions in Seattle for \$10 less than California can. With a good crop and all the other things we have for sale, including pineapples, and winter sweet potatoes, we could keep a fair-sized steamer busy with the Sound country and bring back lumber, forage and manufactured articles.

In course of time we shall do all these things, and if sugar should go lower some compensation might be found in making the best of other salable resources, such as Mr. Starrett lists. They cannot grow staple products the year around on the whole coast and there not so cheaply as here. Frost in the mild localities and severe cold in other sections forbid. But we can grow many such staples for the Pacific slope, winter as well as summer, if we only undertake it with a will and especially if we get the public domain into the hands of real farmers.

EXAMPLE OF FAKE HOMESTEADING.

Hawaii has given an example of fake homesteading which ought to interest Washington in view of the pressure of the land question as described by Kuhio and explained by Governor Frear. According to the former, Governor Frear is keeping Americans from homesteading here; according to the latter he is putting farmers on the land as fast as they can show that they want it to live on and till and not to speculate with; and by such examples as that given by Kuhio's friends and supporters at Hilo the sort of Americans he means are principally office-holders of his own race who have no more idea of agriculture than they have of logarithms or good government or any other mystery, and least of all have an idea of going to the homesteads to live.

A "homestead association" has been formed at Hilo among Kuhio's Hawaiian friends, office-holders with the exception of one lonely farmer, to take up the Kepupulan lands. Here are the applicants, which the Frear administration has turned down:

G. K. Maguire, Hawaiian, county auditor; N. K. Lyman, Hawaiian, supervisor; E. H. Williams, Hawaiian, clerk, government service; John K. Kai, Hawaiian, county clerk; David Ewaliko, Hawaiian, clerk; Philip A. Victor, Hawaiian, clerk; W. H. Heen, Hawaiian, county attorney; B. H. Brown, Jr., Hawaiian, clerk; Wm. K. Kalawai, Hawaiian, clerk; A. A. Hapai, Hawaiian, clerk; Wm. K. Campbell, Hawaiian, clerk; Henry K. Brown, clerk; S. K. Pua, Hawaiian, sheriff; M. M. Springer, American, court stenographer; C. B. Lyman, Hawaiian, sanitary inspector; Geo. K. Akau, Hawaiian, clerk; S. L. Desha, Hawaiian, supervisor; Geo. L. Desha, Hawaiian, postmaster; Adam C. Baker, Hawaiian, clerk; V. B. M. Osoio, wharfinger; Harry Hapai, Hawaiian, clerk; John Kakao, Hawaiian, farmer; Geo. L. Desha Jr., Hawaiian, clerk; James D. Lewis, Hawaiian, contractor (now supervisor); John A. Keoloha, Hawaiian, road inspector; Joseph S. Caceres, American, sanitary inspector; Henry Naope, Hawaiian, clerk; John Kall, Hawaiian, policeman; W. K. Ragsdale, Hawaiian, deputy clerk; W. M. Kalaima.

Everybody in Hawaii knows that this is a clear case of fake homesteading—a grab game for land. Most all of the applicants live by politics and office-holding. The majority of them could not raise a radish or know whether they should get a seed or a slip to plant one. Probably many would look to see if they couldn't graft it on something. They are simply a horde of job-chasers among whom any speculator could go, if they had title, confident that they would sell out their holdings for a fair amount of ready cash and be glad of the chance. It is Governor Frear's idea that homesteads are for raising agricultural products on, not for planting mortgages and holding up "For Sale" signs.

If Secretary Fisher or the Assistant Secretary comes here the history and personnel of the Kepupulan Settlement Association will be one of the exhibits. In fact an account of the attempted grab should be sent to them as an additional means of getting one or the other to come.

The fact that Nanking, the revolutionary capital of China, is to be abandoned and Peking, the ancient capital, rechosen, is apparently another diplomatic success for Yuan Shih Kai. While ago the Sun Yat Sen faction talked of sending for Yuan and bringing him, under armed compulsion, if necessary, to the new republican stronghold. Instead of doing that the republican cabinet ministers will pack bag and baggage, "renounce" Nanking, and go where Yuan tells them to. Peking will thus come to its own again. Will graver returns one day follow?

Mr. Wakefield used to be a Christian citizen but he imperilled his immortal soul when he opposed the Hilo wharf contract. So did McCarthy.

Walt Mason The Poet Philosopher

Oh, Abe dear, your ring career has been a thing of wonder; for years you've wrought and slugged and fought, and records ripped asunder. And now Kilbane has made it plain that he can ABE ATTELL triumph o'er you, just take the sack and don't come back! This, Abe, we implore you! For we are sick of pugs who kick and whine when they are beaten, and blame defeat to inward heat from things that they have eaten. "Put out by chance!" they cry, and dance around like frenzied Gaby; "we lost," they clack, "but we'll come back." Oh, please don't do it, Abe! It's tuff and crool to get your grool; no man enjoys his bitters; but take it down without a frown; be not like tiresome critters who must explain with might and main until all sports are jaded; tread not their track; O don't come back, and keep your fame unfaded!

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There are various kinds of progressives, as, for instance, the eagle and the crab and also the chipmunk, who runs up a stump.

The first our esteemed contemporary knows, if it keeps on, Mr. Wakefield will be elected mayor.

Even the oyster isn't any more mum than its favorite bay is since the Dakota returns came in.

Perhaps next time La Follette will let Roosevelt know what he can do when he is feeling well.

It looks as if Mexico had got back all the bandits it had on the road selling rubber stock.

All they need to prove the new aero-gun at Sandy Hook is to hit something with it.

Instead of cowcatchers, official locomotives ought to carry dynamite nets.

Nicaragua must be about ripe for benevolent assimilation.

It's not the Frear side that needs to indulge in resignation.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JACK GIBSON—The purses offered by the Hilo race promoters are big enough to warrant Coast horsemen paying attention to them.

H. R. JORDAN—The legal department of the Board of Health is paid. I will no longer be seen at the old desk under the banyan tree.

JOHN DEVANEY—A drunk's a drunk and a bum's a bum, but while a bum is generally a drunk it doesn't follow that a drunk is a bum.

CAPT. FRED C. MILLER—A steamship line between Los Angeles and Honolulu is needed and its establishment in the near future is inevitable. JUDGE LYMER—I am glad to get back into private practice, but I do not regret having the experience I had with the public during the past two months.

D. L. WITHINGTON—It interests me to read returns from a South Dakota election from Fargo, North Dakota. Maybe the election, after all, was north, instead of south.

DAL FAHY—The Western Athletic Club in San Francisco has gone by the boards, thanks to incompetent management. It has practically been absorbed by the San Francisco Athletic Club.

G. W. R. KING—Pop Spitzer would make a good supervisor. He states that he is sound on the temperance question and tells me that he has a fine line of suits that anybody can run in without splitting a seam.

JOHN A. MARTIN—I wish to give my approval of the editorial in the Star last evening on the fair and impartial way in which it spoke of the Christian Extension Movement. I think our prayers are having their influence on the people in the Star office.

ROSE DAVIDSON—It is a mistake that Dr. C. T. Rodgers is at the King's Daughters home. What was meant to say was that he was asked to go there, as he is quite feeble, but declined and he is now at the home of my mother, Mrs. Montano, in the Manoa valley.

W. M. PATTEN—The departure of the cruisers is noticed by the merchants in almost all lines of business. It would be hard to estimate the amount of money spent a month by the men of three or four such vessels when they are in port, but it amounts to a big lot in the aggregate.

W. O. SMITH—In the interview about cemeteries I did not state that the cemeteries "are in a horrible condition." That statement was made by another person who was present at the interview. I did advocate the establishment of a public crematory, stating that the crowded condition of the cemeteries would demand action of some kind very soon.

J. P. COOKE—I can honestly say that everyone of the directors of the McBryde Sugar Company who visited the plantation last week were both surprised and greatly pleased by what we saw, although all knew beforehand that things were in good shape. Manager Alexander is the right man in the right place. He has been there less than a year, but he has made a great showing already.

ROBERT R. McELDOWNEY—Replying to a "Little Interview" appearing one day this week—the Oahu Cemetery Association has now under

way plans for an extensive addition to its present grounds at Nuuanu, which will undoubtedly be one of the finest in the United States. One would not judge from the number of memorial tablets erected over the plots that the present field is overcrowded.

EDITOR AFFONSO—Will you, Mr. Editor, translate into English for me the following item which appears in the Advertiser's "Passing Hour" this morning?

Hawaii has announced that it wants American residents, but has on its law book a statute, passed to give a Chinese-Portuguese a police court job, which prohibits the employment by the government of any of the counties of an American who has lived here less than a year or of an honorably discharged American soldier. It is time that law was cut out.

Or is it necessary "to give a Chinese-Portuguese a police court job" so that I may know what the "Passing Hour" is driving at?

NOVEL CURE FOR CANCER

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—A radical cure for cancer is said to have been discovered by Assistant Professor von Stein of Moscow University. The Cancer Institute of Moscow, founded by the millionaire cotton manufacturer Morozoff, has passed favorably upon it and has introduced it in its clinic.

The chief of the institute, Assistant Professor Zytkoff, read a paper before the surgical congress in Moscow stating that cancer tumors yield an alkaline reaction, whereas sarcoma tumors yield an acid reaction. This idea set Dr. von Stein thinking that the logical treatment for cancer would consist in the oxidization of the stricken tissues, and for sarcoma in their alkalization.

In going over the acids in search of one suitable for such a treatment, he settled upon a derivative of gallic acid, namely pirogall, discovered in 1858 and now used as a depilatory medium in the treatment of all sorts of skin diseases. Pirogall is obtained from gallic acid by eliminating carbonic acid from it. Piarloxin, the compound used, is very cheap—a quarter cent per gram—but is produced in only two places in Europe.

Dr. von Stein is somewhat annoyed at the early publicity which has injudiciously been given to this cure, as his report had been intended strictly for a scientific body in Moscow. Tests of the cure are as yet far from complete. Such facts as may be considered established are the following:

The application of piarloxin causes cancer tumors, especially in their initial stages, to be quickly sucked up and in some cases to disappear without a trace. In other cases the tumors become softened, the ulcers begin to cicatrize and epidermis commences to form. A sharp im-

provement is remarked in the patient's feelings; those suffering from cancer in the throat, who are sometimes on the verge of suffocation, not only begin to breathe freely, but their voices gradually come back to them, symptoms of metastasis disappear and the characteristic cancerous color of the skin commences to become pink. So much has been observed during the fortnight since this treatment was introduced at the Morozoff clinic.

BERLIN TROUBLED BY OVERCROWDING

BERLIN, March 9.—The lord mayor of Berlin, K. A. Martin Kirschner, who has occupied the position since 1899 and was re-elected for another term last year, announced today his intention to resign. He said that he would settle the date of his retirement before June 1. He will be seventy years old this year.

It is probable that the lord mayor's decision was brought about by the recent creation of the municipality of Greater Berlin, in which Berlin proper is combined with all the suburban municipalities. Dr. Karl Steiner was elected mayor of the larger municipality February 27.

Dr. Kirschner attempted recently at a meeting held in the reichstag building to dispute the statement that the tenement population was greatly overcrowded. The agitation for reform was led by two former ministers, Count Posadowsky and Bernhard Dernburg.

Herr Dernburg presided at the meeting and the surprising statement was made that fully 600,000 of the 3,000,000 inhabitants of Greater Berlin lived in apartments with five or more persons in each room.

A large proportion of the working families in Berlin live in one room apartments, letting out, too, a portion of the floor space for sleeping accommodation of single men to eke out their income. It was also mentioned that 353,000 school children in Greater Berlin have no playground.

Although Dr. Kirschner attempted to dispute these figures, he was confounded by the official statistics. Much is hoped for in Berlin from the formation of the new Greater Berlin organization.

While Berlin and other municipalities are having their difficulties in coping with the housing problem for the working classes, the central government has put a damper on their enthusiasm for saddling the expense of social and municipal reform upon future generations by piling up heavy bonded debts for municipal improvements. The Prussian ministry of the interior has just issued an edict to the provincial authorities calling attention to the tendency of the municipalities upward to reckless contraction of debts and directing them to refuse their sanction to the issue of bonds for purposes not urgent and well justified and in which adequate provision was not made for rapid redemption.

HAND OF KAISER'S DAUGHTER REFUSED

BERLIN, March 9.—The long holiday that Princess Victoria Louise, Emperor William's daughter, is taking in Switzerland is due merely to bronchial catarrh, as was announced in the court circular. According to reports in German military affairs, this

absence from Berlin is due to an affair of the heart.

The emperor had set his expectations upon a match between his daughter, who is in her twentieth year, and Prince Adolph of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who will be 30 next June. It was fully understood that the engagement would be announced this season.

The young couple were about everywhere together until just before the last court ball. Prince Adolph, however, left Berlin without attending the ceremonies of the chapter of the order of the Black Eagle, and a few days later the princess traveled to Celerina, Switzerland, to join the crown princess. She did not return with the crown princess' party.

It is now said that while the princess was entirely satisfied with the match arranged for her, the prince not only hesitated but at last definitely stated that he had no desire to marry anybody.

The princess naturally felt the snub and the emperor was furious; but as Prince Adolph is heir to an independent grand duchy, his inclination can not be forced, and technically he takes precedence of the princess.

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